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Miss Frances E. Crooks

A Word of Appreciation

A great lonely feeling came into my heart when I heard my dear friend, Frances Crooks, had been called to her Heavenly home. However, my heart is filled with great joy for her, and I long to be as ready as she when my call comes.

For four consecutive hot seasons, Francis Crooks and I were room mates, twice at Maymyo and twice at Taunggyi, and each year I appreciated her even a little more, if possible, than the year before.

She was so very thoughtful about every little thing, and you never feared misunderstanding while with her — truly an ideal hot season companion. Then there was never any uncertain note in her belief in God or His Word. She had strong convictions and lived up to them. Her fellowship with God daily was a very vital part of her life.

She dearly loved the people with whom she worked, and was always trying to help someone by calling on them, writing to them or doing a bit of sewing for their children. She was always at it, and yet in such a quiet way, for she didn't believe in letting "her left hand know what her right hand was doing."

But her love for the people out here didn't cause her to forget the home

people. She had had a large class of young men, who had greatly appreciated her Bible courses in West Virginia. With these she kept in touch through the years, writing to most, if not all, this hot season.

Flowers were her hobby and how dearly she loved them and all of the beautiful things in nature. We had many delightful talks and walks together. Also her love for beautiful poems was a great inspiration to me. She had a large collection of very choice ones, copies of which she would pass on where she thought they would be a help. One I very greatly appreciated was,

"Said the Robin to the Sparrow, 'I should really like to know
Why these anxious human beings rush about and worry so.'
Said the Sparrow to the Robin, 'Friend, I think that it must be
That they have no Heavenly Father,
Such as cares for you and me.'
'Then, I think we ought to tell them,'
said the Robin to his friend,
'That they have a Heavenly Father whose love can never end.
Then they would not need to worry, when in trouble or in woe;
God must think they cannot trust Him,
when they fret and worry so'".

She was most uncomplaining, and how greatly she hoped to be a great help to her girls this year, always on

the lookout for something she could share with them, but the dear Father who doeth all things for the best, had need of her in His Higher Service, and so, while we shall miss her greatly, we rejoice for our unfailing Hope in Christ Jesus, and we, too, shall soon enter in and with her "See our Saviour face to face, and tell the story 'Saved by Grace'".

* Violetta R. Peterson.



Burma at the N. B. C.

The Burma missionaries who attended the meetings of the N. B. C. at Rochester had luncheon together and they asked me to "report the Convention to the NEWS." I shall certainly not try to do anything of the sort, seeing that there are other agencies that will do the reporting; but I will at least tell who was who at the Burma luncheon and perhaps add a word or two on my impressions of the Convention.

The following were present at the Burma luncheon:—Dr. and Mrs. Cummings, Mrs. Gilmore and a brother of the late Dr. Gilmore, Dr. Cochrane, Mr. and Mrs. Parish, Mr. and Mrs. Streeter, Mrs. Hanson, Mr. and Mrs. Gleason, Dr. and Mrs. McGuire and a granddaughter, Mr. and Mrs. Cope, Mr. Sisson, Mr. Joe Smith, Mr. Evans, Mr. Braisted, Miss Craft, Miss Anderson and Mrs. Anderson, Miss Maine, Miss Root, Miss Petheram, Mrs. Rolloff (Mrs. Chaney's sister), Dr. Gifford, with a sister and brother-in-law, and the undersigned. Dr. Pierce and Dr. Anderson also made their appearance for a few moments to greet the group, but could not stay on account of urgent committee meetings. There were no set speeches at the luncheon, but that does not mean that there was no talking; I need not argue the point when it is remembered that Cope was there — and some others!

The Burma booth was in charge of Mrs. Rolloff, and she did her work effectively. Her gracious personality reminds one very much of her sister in Burma. It was a great pleasure to meet her and other Rochester folks who have connections in Burma; (the writer met Mrs. Carman and Mrs. Meader with whom he had pleasant chats).

Many wondered how the meetings of the Convention would turn out, since there were a number of controversial issues that came before it, especially growing out of the report of the "Committee of Fifteen." When all was over the general consensus of opinion was that it had been a very good Convention. A fine Christian spirit prevailed; though disagreement on some of the issues was sharp there was never any bitter feeling shown in the discussion, but on the contrary there was a general desire to accommodate one another through some compromise that would meet the divergent views part-way. Much of the success of the Convention meetings is due to the tactful personality of President Abernethy, whose infinite patience and keen sense of humour were most helpful when discussion became tense at times.

The merger of the four mission societies was defended, about two to one but it was recommended finally that the home mission societies on the one hand, and the foreign societies on the other, consider the matter among themselves in the future and bring their recommendations to the Convention. The other important matter growing out of the report of the "Committee of Fifteen" was that on methods of raising the denominational budget. The issue at stake was whether "specifics" should be allowed to be appealed for or not. The Committee's report excluded these rigidly. Dr. Huntington of our society prepared a substitute proposal, presented to the Convention by ex-President A.

L. Miller, which would allow specifics under certain conditions and provide a special "specifics budget" in addition to the regular budget. This issue was by far the most acutely contested in the whole program of the Convention, as can be judged by the final vote, in which out of 1777 votes the Huntington substitute was defeated by only nineteen votes. The spirit of the meetings may be gauged by the fact that as soon as the result was made known Mr. Miller, who had presented the substitute to the Convention moved that the original proposal of the Committee be adopted unanimously by the Convention. The graciousness of this act was acknowledged with appreciation by the other side, but they felt that on such a vital issue a mere majority vote should not carry the house. The matter was postponed to the afternoon session that time might be given to consider the matter. An amended proposal was then brought in by the Committee of Fifteen, to the effect that specifics may be received, though not solicited, for projects approved by the Committee on Finance of the N. B. C. (with, I believe, some other minor restrictions).

The Convention reflected in a very high degree, the issues that are vital in the life of America — and of the world — to-day, particularly in the economic sphere and in international peace. Very strong resolutions were passed, and during the discussions on these, especially the latter, it was significant to note the very active part taken by the younger members of the Convention.

The most effective address of the Convention was, by far, that of McNeill Poteat (formerly in Shanghai University, now in North Carolina), on "Baptists for Such a Time as This." He traced very vividly the history of the Baptist movement, and its background in the Anabaptists, and showed how it has been the very genius of the Baptists to stand out as

non-conformists on all issues that affected the individual liberty and social welfare of the people — stand out always as the champions for human rights. The challenge of to-day to the Baptists was pressed home with unusual force; the call rings out to-day in this country and in the world for men and women who will see clearly and dare boldly to stand for these rights, for a new social order in the matter of economics and international peace, etc. Baptists, because of their rich tradition and heritage, are peculiarly fitted and responsible for leadership in such a crusade. It would be quite impossible to describe the deep impression which this address made on the vast audience. It brought it to its feet in loud and prolonged applause.

Of special interest to missionaries was the Sunday afternoon meeting in the First Church, (Dr. McQueen, pastor), when missionaries and members of the Board met in social fellowship and the former were the guests of the latter at supper.

While there was a sobering recognition of the many serious problems facing us to-day, especially in meeting the urgent missionary needs, there was on the whole a note of optimism and confidence that characterised the Convention, not only for what was done at these meetings but also for its significance for the future.

Geo. D. Josif.



Toungoo

The month has been taken up with committee meetings and weddings as a side issue to the other regular mission work. Two meetings in Rangoon, three in Toungoo and one at Pyinmana, rather one might say two or three in Pyinmana, for in addition to the regular committee meeting there was the missionary meeting before the other and then a tramp over the large farm and a consideration of all the

phases of the work as we saw it in operation on the farm.

I drove to Rangoon for a meeting on the 15th and another on the 16th. Dental work kept me in Rangoon till the 20th when we drove to Pyuntaza for a wedding. The baby sister of the bride was consecrated to the Lord and within an hour the older girl married. Then through rain and mud a drive of over eighty miles to Toungoo. On Friday, another wedding and at once away with no time to partake of the refreshments, to attend a meeting that night at Pynmana. As soon as we could get away from Pynmana on Saturday we returned to Toungoo, arriving just in time to attend a meeting of the Toungoo Schools Athletic Association. On Tuesday another committee meeting, on Thursday another wedding and on Sunday three communion services. On Monday will be another committee meeting and on Wednesday another and on Thursday another trip to Rangoon for another meeting of the Management Committee of the Convention.

The school has opened up with a larger attendance than last year at this time. We have had to add another fourth standard as the entries had reached fifty in all. Kindergarten also is larger than last year as is also Infant standard. Pupils are being transferred and some coming and some going already.

Saya Ba Chit who came largely at his own expense to do itinerating in the jungle made a trip to take a teacher out to one of the villages and returned with a severe attack of fever. Our jungle schools are doing well. We now have five and a request that we start another in a village which looks very hopeful. Here the question of funds is the hindering element.

My sweet corn is tasseling out and the ears are forming nicely. I might be able to run a good competition to the Pynmana farm if nothing happens to the crop. I have already

gathered seventy-three pineapples and have counted about twenty that the rats have ruined. There are a lot more to ripen yet. They are so easy to grow that I wonder that more of the missionaries do not grow them. I have got some of the villagers to planting them, a fine addition to their menu.

Lewis B. Rogers.



Report of Karen Women's Bible School

Our Karen Women's Bible School reopened May 23, and we now have seventy-five enrolled. The graduating class is the largest I can remember for we have a full forty. Of these two are tenth passed; two, ninth; three, eighth; fourteen, seventh; four, sixth; seven, fifth and nine, fourth.

There are only nineteen in the second year, but their qualifications are very good. Three, tenth; one, eighth; nine, seventh; four, sixth and one only each in fourth and fifth. Then in the beginner's class only sixteen have entered this year, owing to hard times. Of these five are seventh standard girls; two, sixth; four, fifth and five, fourth.

Our opening prayer meetings were well attended and filled our hearts with gratitude. One or two evenings were spent in hearing the reports of hot season vacation work. All seemed to have done their very best. Most worked in heathen villages, but where there was no opening, they did what they could to help in their own villages.

All the girls seem to have returned with a real purpose, and seem very happy to study. We begin each day with quiet time between five thirty and six o'clock. It proves a great power.

We are often asked, "What are your graduates doing?" We had nineteen last year. Of these, two are married to preachers; one is taking nurses training; fourteen are engaged

in teaching and evangelistic work in the villages. The last two are most likely working now, for when school began both were waiting for an opening, and I am sure neither are idle even if they have not been "hired."

We have always tried to make the course practical, but this year we are trying harder than ever. We have practical work in D. V. B. S., Women's Meetings, S. S., C. E. and leading children's meetings each week. Each girl in the graduating class is given as much time as possible in the care of the ailing girls in our school. Of course this is under supervision and we are very fortunate to have two girls who have each had a year in hospital training.

We have twelve Pwo girls this year and are doing all we can to help them in the Pwo language and all seem very happy. Eight in the graduating class are Pwos, two of these being the tenth standard girls that I mentioned before.

I hear you asking about the financial condition of the school. Our report is not so encouraging along this line. Up to date, we are nine hundred and forty rupees behind, but we are *hoping*, that day by day each actual need may be supplied. Right here, I wish to give great credit to our teachers who do so much to help keep down expenses. Our Executive Committee which met here last week voted to ask the different Associations to try and make up our deficiency and we wish to thank every one in advance for every rupee given.

Our aim is (i) to help our girls to really know Christ and His way of Salvation through their own experiences, (ii) to give each girl a deepening desire to be an all-round help to her people and to all races who need help in Burma and (iii) to so closely study God's Word with them that they may be well prepared with ways and means of teaching the life of Christ to others.

We hope to have evangelistic groups go to the villages as often as time and money will permit.

Please help us by your suggestions as you see the need on your fields. I wish to especially thank those who have been a great help by suggesting things needed. Remember that we are delighted to have friends of the school visit it at any time. Who will be the first to come? You may also see our garden.

Violetta R. Peterson.



Northwest Territory Notes

Yes, thank you, we had a very interesting Hot Season, but not in any of the fashionable summer resorts of the Shan States. The writer, under the hypnotic influence of the local civil surgeon, tripped along to the great metropolis, and observed the 13.9-inch record rainfall from the interior of a crowded ward of the Rangoon General Hospital. While we were having our exterior, interior, past history and future prospects all thoroughly investigated and duly recorded, the fair lady remained at our present headquarters and directed the operations of several varieties of repair workers, including the crew who put a new sheet-iron helmet on the Mission residence. We should be expert roofing engineers after one or two more moves.

We have just had the unique experience of completing our third first year (prize given for the first correct answer) during this term of service. Can any of you show a greater record. Judging by the letters from the homeland headquarters, we may yet have one more "first year" before the end of our term, but we are not craving the necessity for such an experience.

In many ways the past year has been one of the most pleasant we have had, and the results surprisingly good. When the church reports were all tabulated, at the time of the Association meetings, it was found that the

number of baptisms for the year totaled 116, the second highest number in any of the records we have been able to find. The best record was made in 1917, when 126 were baptized.

In addition to the baptismal record, every one of the nineteen churches of the Association contributed directly toward the support of their local pastor, most of the pastors receiving one-third of their year's salary from the churches they served. We are told that this is a very decided advance, as many churches had hitherto felt themselves to be too poor, or else took the attitude that the "preachers" were simply Mission servants, and as such should be paid entirely by the Mission. For the ensuing year the churches are striving to provide at least one-half of their pastors' salaries. They are pitifully poor in material blessings, but they are facing the new conditions better than might have been expected.

There have been a few changes in organization and administration of the Associational affairs, looking toward a larger share of the responsibility being transferred from the missionary to others, and the others are getting under the load most encouragingly.

Oh, yes! both of the ladies of the household are in excellent health, and the writer has recovered considerable of his strength; but, like some of his predecessors, he finds the Arakan atmosphere a mighty enemy of health and activity.

Sidney V. Hollingworth.



Daily Vacation Bible School

Friends of Ma Hannah will be glad to know that her health is very much improved. She is however remaining on in Siam for a while longer helping in the Girls' school there, and will probably not be back in Burma before the first of November.

Pyinmana Village Industrial Co-operative Bank Started

The Pyinmana Fresh Eggs hatched out triplets this month. On June 9th, 1934, eleven Christian men from here organized the "Pyinmana Village Industrial Co-operative Bank Limited" with shares of Rs. 50 each. Also at Shwemyo and Lewe from among our egg producers we organized two Co-operative Poultry Societies with limited liability. Each member puts in Rs. 5 a year until he pays Rs. 25 for half a share. In the event of the society becoming liable for debts which it cannot otherwise meet, the member may be called upon to pay the remaining Rs. 25. But his total liability is limited to the full share of Rs. 50. Each village society is also limited to one product.

The Government Co-operative Department officials who are helping us say there are the first co-operative organizations of this type in Burma. We are starting a self-supporting work with local resources through which we hope the Christians of the town will help to uplift the economic and moral life of the villages. We realize that the lending of money to village people and collecting it back again with interest will be no picnic. However, we have the faith to believe that ultimately there will be profit in character for our people.

The Mission has turned over the A. B. M. High School Pyinmana entirely to the local School Committee beginning with the new school year April 1. Under the new name of the "Baptist High School Pyinmanā," the local Christian constituency under native management is enthusiastically carrying on and bearing the necessary additional financial burden. The numbers in the school and devotion to the work are in no way decreased by the change, and the staff of last year continues unchanged.

In our Agricultural School, I recently heard something which you

can add to the list of your missionary jokes. Some Burman visitors from the jungle were looking around the farm and they saw the rotation of crops requiring work to be done every month in the year. They saw how these were grown in rows and the cattle had to work both morning and evening not only to plant the crops but also to cultivate them. Finally, they came to the stock barn and saw the windmill whirling around pumping water out of a well and filling a cement trough. The Burmese exclaimed with astonishment "Just see! Saya Case not only makes the men and cattle work as they never have worked before, but he even makes the wind work!"

Remember our vegetables from the garden will be ready soon after the middle of July. Sweet corn in abundance, Kentucky Wonder string beans, Swiss Chard and cucumbers for pickling. Then a few weeks later will come egg plant, beets, carrots and sweet peppers. Let us know what you want.

Brayton C. Case.



High Water Mark of Baptisms and Scholars

The 372 baptisms in 1933 was a dozen more than double the previous highest number baptized in a year which was 180 in 1932. The movement among the Southern Chins towards Christianity continues.

Kama town is the township headquarters. It was also the headquarters during the rebellion of the Government forces and several battles took place within a few miles. The first Saturday in February, I stopped at Kama and between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. extracted seventy-eight teeth from Burmans, Chinese and Indians. I know no other way in which I could have done so much in so short

a time to have gotten such a good *hold* on so many people and to have done so much to prepare the soil for the gospel seed. I do not know Burmese well enough to preach in Burmese but I do rejoice in the opportunities extracting teeth gives me to prepare the soil among the Burmese and other non-Chin races. While it was not directly work for the Chins yet many jungle Chins go to Kama from time to time. Hereafter I believe they will find a more cordial feeling towards them because of the work we did in spreading the gospel of good will. And it has been a splendid object lesson to the Chins of helping other races.

After years as a 6th-Standard school the 7th-Standard was opened four years ago with Samo Hla U, B.A., as teacher. That year we had 140 scholars in the Anglo Vernacular Boarding School. The rebellion and depression depressed the numbers to 125 last year. We hoped to have as many this year. We have gone beyond our hopes and have 147 — 22 more than last year.

E. Carroll Condict.



Meiktila

I am writing from Prome. Thirty years ago Mrs. Dudley and I stopped at Prome on the way to the Convention at Bassein. We came by river and spent but a few hours here. Mrs. Mosier was lying on a bed of illness from which she never rose. This is all that I remember of this beautiful station. There was no school in those days. Now one of the most beautiful of our schools with a house for the Woman Superintendent all in white finish graces the compound and the old Mission house is still facing the river. Prome is the finest port on the river outside of Rangoon, as far as I have seen. I am greatly enjoying the services this Sunday.

It was a great pleasure to spend two nights with Mr. and Mrs. Latta at Thonze. There is nothing wanting in missionary comfort and beauty in their house.

The death of Saya Po Lu, long head-master and pastor at Thazi, cripples our work more, perhaps than we realize at present. He had wonderful tact in dealing with Burmans and had friends among the Buddhists and was called upon for extraordinary services such as that of President of the Co-operative Society. He will be greatly missed in Meiktila district.

We were also saddened to-day by the news of the death of U Ba Htin, D. C. of Moulmein. He was a year or rather six months in 1926 at Meiktila, and was an outspoken witness for Christ among his friends. Our hearts go out to his father, U Lu Din, and the wife and children.

H. E. Dudley.



Always With Us

For He hath said: I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.—Heb. 13: 5.

He is with us, He is with us,

In our first and closing days,

Never leaving, nor forsaking,

To His Holy Name be praise.

With us, when in early childhood,

Far too young to understand,

And when fall the evening shadows,

Still He holds His people's hand.

With us, when in flush of manhood

We may hardly know our need,

If He then forsook and left us

Sad would be our state, indeed.

With us, when in life's fierce struggle

We are well nigh overborne;

Then He says, "Nor flame shall burn us,

Nor deep waters ever drown."

With us, when in life we prosper,

Goods increase, and sound our health,

Then, of all times, we most need Him

"Save, good Lord, in time of wealth."

With us, when the year beginning,

All the future lies unknown;

Then His promise gives us courage,

That He'll never leave His own.

With us when, the journey ended,

We in Jesus fall asleep;

Till the resurrection morning

All His saints He'll safely keep.

With us, when on that grand sunrise,

He as King returns to reign;

Nor through all the coming ages

Shall we e'er go out again.

—Daniel Farmer.



Thonze—Burman

The Burmans call the Daily Vacation Bible Schools, "Hot Season Bible Schools." As we were bringing in the last workers from our last school, I asked over my shoulder "Why not have a Rainy Season Bible School?" I left it at that, for it is just as bad to be talking to back seat from the front seat as *vice versa*.

A few days later the pastor came to me with all plans made for two "Rainy Season Bible Schools," staffs selected and assigned, dates fixed, place located, house procured and all. So they started in. One had about sixty pupils and the other about seventy, the biggest and best attended schools we have had this year. Three of the workers were new, but they soon learned and did good work. All of them want to go on with the work during the rains. They like the work better. It is not so hot.

Had a whole week out at Committee work in Rangoon, but school not only kept, but they all three grew to about 125 each, which is about 10 per cent short of last year. Money is too scarce.

Mr. Dudley was with us a couple of days visiting our folks and putting good literature in their homes. He knows how to sell it.

What fine rainy weather we are having! We can almost see the flowers growing over night. We are getting some of our villagers to plant them. We want to have some flower villages. We talked so much about flowers and vegetables in our Daily Vacation Bible Schools, that I think

there will be flowers in every village in which we had them, and not only flowers but more vegetables to eat, and they need more of a variety.

We have tried some follow up work in the villages in which we have just worked. The workers are received gladly. They have lived there two or three weeks and helped the folks, and they belonged. The Gospel seed sown is going to bear fruit. Two evangelists have just told me they have ten men on their prayer and work list. One of them said, "No use to pray unless you are willing to help answer your prayers." It is good to remember that.

J. T. Latta.



The Nichols Sgaw Karen High School

Like all other institutions it is going through a hard time. But the people are hopeful and loyal as ever, and the situation is improving every year. In spite of the hard years the people maintain their regular annual contribution of some Rs. 10,000 in cash and 3,000 baskets of paddy. The outstanding debt of Rs. 25,000 incurred in connection with the new boiler has been reduced to Rs. 19,000, but the interest of the Endowment Fund (a valuable source of income) is consumed to liquidate that debt, and the school will have to "go hungry" for the next four years. However, the year closed with an appreciable balance and the examination results were not altogether bad. So the enrolment has been increasing from 380 in 1932-33, (540 in 1933-34) to 640 this year. Many students of other races make their appearance and it seems the school enjoys to some degree the confidence of all communities. We are trying to justify their confidence and render real service at all times.

For several years I have had a special service on church nights for the non-Sgaws, taking up various Bible topics. "How to Believe God"

is one subject suggested by the pupils themselves. We are now taking up "What is Salvation" by Richard Oliver. There were twelve Buddhists present this last week in a total of eighteen.

Another group of Christians is studying "Rivers of Living Water."

In the passing of Frances Crooks the whole Burma Mission has lost an indefatigable worker. She loved her work. She loved her people and could not do enough for them. Her influence as a temperance worker will be felt through many years. Her one aim was to help her pupils to know Jesus Christ and to be like him in all respects.

Clara B. Tingley.



Worthwhile Vacation

We print below an article sent in by Miss Tingley, and written by Thra San Ba, of the Karen Mission at Bassein which we think will be of interest to all.

The problem of vacation probably presents itself to many people. How to make the best use of the vacation is a worthwhile problem to attack. The teachers have a long vacation—real vacation—in April and May. The villagers find that period a vacation too, more or less, and in the case of both the teachers and the villagers the chances are that much time will be wasted.

Personally, I solve the problem in this way: A trip to the sea shore would be a great benefit to health, or quiet reading at home would be somewhat a relief to heat and a stimulus to the mind. But the advantage would not be much more. A great opportunity awaits us in the country, where the villagers need intellectual stimulus, social intercourse and spiritual uplift. The solution lies in a Bible School, where the teachers can have all the benefits that can be got from a vacation and where the villagers also re-

ceive just those elements in life that they particularly need.

Here is the Summer School. A village is selected and the date fixed. The villagers do not need to make much preparation for they will have only a handful of people to entertain. The subject (a book of the Bible) is assigned, but the teacher is the only one who needs preparation. The other members of the visiting group help in games and music, with the exception of one or two who have to give some lectures on certain subjects. So we start some ten of us, men and women, with a football, a badminton set and a volley ball. The days begin promptly with a prayer meeting at 6:30 a.m. one of the group leading, Bible study at 10 a.m., group discussion at 2 p.m., games at 4 p.m. and lectures in the evening with some singing. Concert is indispensable for a Karen assembly and Saturday draws many choirs from the surrounding villages. The last Sunday is a great day with a sermon by the leader, sometimes the Communion Service and a farewell meeting at which the participants make the last share of their spiritual experience.

Altogether the seven or eight days are a revelation to the people. There is something doing every hour, and all their needs — physical, social, and spiritual — are supplied. It is a relief to their irksome daily routine of labour, and an experience which broadens their vision and deepens their spiritual life. The visitors too get whatever they can get out of a vacation. It is a feasting time throughout, physically and spiritually, and participation in the activities refreshes their bodies, stimulates their social usefulness and broadens their spiritual vision.

The work of a school Superintendent is somewhat exacting, and you have to be in town once in a while to see about official correspondence, etc. But two or three such Bible Assemblies as described above can be

easily conducted and the results are always gratifying. As a matter of fact it is the only way possible for me to come into close contact with the people, and a sympathetic understanding of the people and close contact with them is the only way to secure loyalty which is at the foundation of work in this field.



Burma Christian Council

Plan if possible to make your rainy season trip to Rangoon for dentistry, business, and other reasons coincide with the annual meeting of the Burma Christian Council in the Waso holidays so that you may join with others to benefit by these meetings and also make a contribution to them. The tentative program is being published in the papers and a copy will also be sent to you with the Reference Committee minutes. Rev. J. Z. Hodge, Secretary of the National Christian Council of India, is to be our guest and will deliver three addresses on the general topic, "The Christian Message to the Orient," on the evenings of July 25, 26 and 27. Two Pre-council Conferences will be held as last year on July 25. One in the morning for school managers, and one in the afternoon on Rural Reconstruction. All are welcome. The main topics of the Council Thursday will be — *morning*: Educational Report and Discussions; *afternoon*: "Evangelism," by four speakers, followed by discussion; *Friday morning*: "Rural Reconstruction"; *afternoon*: elections and business. Try to arrange your plans so as to join in the helpful inspiration, instruction and fellowship of these days. The meetings will be held as last year at St. John's College.

Field Secretary.



Arrival

On June 8, from Calcutta Rev. L. F. Marsh, pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church.

Salary Change

The following cable has arrived:

"Field basal salary reduced by one hundred dollars current fiscal year, 1934-35, otherwise unchanged; letter with full information follows. Robbins — Huntington."



A Helpful Book

To those who do not know of it I should like to call attention to the little pastors' COMPANION, now called HIS STAR, recently republished in enlarged form by Saya U Ba of Cushing High School. It contains a deal of helpful information such as every pastor at some time or other will need. "Articles of Christian Doctrine," "How to Organize a Church," "Christmas and New Year Texts," "Duties of Church Officers," "A Few Simple Rules to Guide in Sermon Preparation," "Form Letters for Reception and Dismissal of Members," "Marriage Ceremonies," "Helps for Conducting Funerals and for Comforting the Sick and the Bereaved," "Church Covenants," "Rules to Follow in Organizing an Ordination Council," "Program for Conduct of Church Business Meetings," "A Few of the Most Necessary Rules of Order," and a very good "Selection of Hymns for use at Funerals," are a few of the subjects one finds listed in the table of contents. Thus the one who possesses this little book can conduct a service even though he may have neither Bible nor hymn book at hand.

The size of the book also commends it, for it is so small as to be easily put into the coat pocket. Burmese missionaries as well as preachers and Christian workers will want a copy I am sure. I have recommended it strongly to my classes, and I take pleasure in recommending it to others.

W. E. Wiatt.



Death

News at the death of Miss Frances Crooks on Sunday, July 1, at Bassein, comes just as we are going to Press. Further particulars will be given next month.



Thank you

The Mission Attorney wishes to thank the missionaries who have co-operated by sending in tax notices and receipts. Will all please help to complete the file by sending one of each land tax paid or a letter giving full details showing the location paid for. Land tax information is even more

important than Municipal taxes. Please consider this as *urgent*.

Olive A. Hastings.



Burmese Pocket Dictionary

The Press has just put out a pocket edition of the Burmese-English, English-Burmese Dictionary, gotten out some years ago by Mr. Phinney and Dr. Eveleth. This is a real pocket dictionary, measuring only 3½ by 5 inches, and 5/8" thick — yet the type is the same size as the larger book. It is printed on bible paper, and bound in limp cloth, round corners, red edges. Price, Rs. 3 each, net.



Press Communique

The Government of India have decided to revert to the old thickness of paper for the Five and Ten-rupee currency notes. The new notes printed on thicker paper will be issued shortly from the currency office at Calcutta and thereafter from other currency offices when the stocks of notes printed on this paper are exhausted. In general appearance, design and size, the new notes will be precisely similar to the notes hitherto printed on the thinner paper.

J. W. Kelly,

Offg. Controller of the Currency.



Notice

Vegetables from the Pyinmana Agricultural School will be in season for about two months beginning the middle of July. First will come sweet corn, Kentucky Wonder string beans, Swiss Chard and cucumbers for pickling or slicing. Then a few weeks later, beets, carrots, egg plant and many sweet peppers. Mondays and Thursdays are our shipping days. Eggs can be sent with the vegetables if desired.

B. C. Case.



For Rent at Kalaw

The Tilbe house, Tin-yu-bin weh, is for rent for the coming hot season. Rent Rs. 125 per month, or Rs. 400 for four months. The lower flat will also be available at Rs. 100 for the season.

Apply early to the Mission Treasurer.



Sailed

On June 28, by S.S. *Kandhalla*, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Hendershot and daughter.

Treatment for Worms

I quite frequently receive requests for advice as to the treatment of intestinal worms from readers of "The News", so have decided to give my advice in print. Probably the most effective and cheapest treatment for both round worms and hook-worms is oil of chenopodium. The total dose for people of average build and strength at the various ages is as follows:

One year	drops (minims)	2
Two years	"	4
Three years	"	6
Four years	"	7
Five years	"	8
Six years	"	10
Eight years	"	12
Ten years	"	13
Twelve years	"	15
Fifteen years	"	20
Adult	"	25 to 30

When a person is small for his age or weak, the dose should be reduced one-third to one-half. People with high fever or a rapid pulse should not be given the medicine except by a doctor.

The night before taking the medicine a rather light dinner should be eaten. Half of the total dose should be given on arising and the other half one to two hours later. The oil of chenopodium should either be mixed with a moderate sized dose of castor oil each time, or taken in capsules, and followed by a large dose of salts a half hour after the second dose. It is better to take no food until after the medicine is taken, but when I have treated crowds of people in jungle villages I have

had to disregard this method of giving the medicine on an empty stomach and have had no untoward effects, but I presume it has not been as effective. If the castor oil has not been effective in six to eight hours either a large dose of salts or an enema should be given.

A. B. Grey.



Christ Crucified

Preaching Christ crucified we shall find it will be—

(1) A *Convincer* of sin, as seen on the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2: 36, 37).

(2) A *Bringer of Blessing*, as evidenced in the lame man and Peter's words (Acts 3: 13-19).

(3) A *Means of Forgiveness*, as Peter emphatically states (Acts 5: 29-31).

(4) A *Procurer of Joy*, as witnessed in the result of the Eunuch's faith (Acts 8: 29-39).

(5) A *Obtainer of the Spirit*, as was made known to Cornelius and those in his house (Acts 10: 39-44).

(6) A *Medium of Justification*, as Paul declared at Antioch (Acts 13: 38, 39).

(7) A *Imparter of Responsibility*, as the Apostle intimates to the elders at Ephesus, when He charges them to care for Christ's purchased possession (Acts 20: 28).

Christ crucified is the greatest theme in the universe, for it proclaims the greatest work ever performed by the greatest Person, and securing the greatest ends possible.

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